

duty and deceased retired personnel; certain Federal employees; certain contract employees; certain State Department employees employed in a foreign country and their dependents; any other individuals entitled to care under the Uniformed Services health care program; individuals entitled to Uniformed Services benefits and privileges and a Uniformed Services identification card; any eligible individual who submits a health care claim; and individuals eligible for certain civilian non-benefit identification cards.

Dated: March 11, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Admissions, HQ USAF Academy Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Admissions announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Office of Admissions, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 236, USAF Academy, CO 80840. Point of Contact is Ms. Patricia Marinski, telephone 719-333-3226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address.

Title and Associated Form: USAF Academy Candidate Writing Sample, USAFA Form 0-878.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain data on candidate's background and aptitude in determining eligibility and selection to the Air Force Academy.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 4,100.

Number of Respondents: 4,100.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Frequency: 1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The information collected on this form is required by 10 U.S.C. 9346. The respondents are students who are applying for admission to the United States Air Force Academy. Each student's background and aptitude is reviewed to determine eligibility. If the information on this form is not collected, the individual cannot be considered for admittance to the Air Force Academy.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Air Force A-76 Initiatives Cost Comparisons and Direct Conversions (as of January 1999)

The Air Force is in the process of conducting the following A-76 initiatives. Cost comparisons are public-private competitions. Direct conversions are functions that may result in a conversion to contract without public competition. These initiatives were announced and in-progress as of January 1999, include the installation and state where the cost comparison or direct conversion is being performed, the total authorizations under study, public announcement date and actual or anticipated solicitation date. The following initiatives are in various stages of completion.

Installation	State	Function(s)	Total authorizations	Public announcement date	Solicitation issued or scheduled date
COST COMPARISONS					
ANDERSEN AFB	GUAM	SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION ..	384	25-Jun-98	15-Feb-99
ANDREWS AFB	MD	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY.	815	25-Jul-97	26-Feb-99
ANDREWS AFB	MD	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	9	17-Dec-98	TBD
ANDREWS AFB	MD	HEATING SYSTEMS	22	17-Dec-98	TBD
ANDREWS AFB	MD	MEDICAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE	11	09-Oct-97	20-Jan-99
BOLLING AFB	DC	SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION ..	0	01-Dec-98	TBD
BUCKLEY ANGB	CO	AIRFIELD MANAGEMENT	34	22-Mar-95	18-Mar-99
BUCKLEY ANGB	CO	CIVIL ENGINEERING	55	24-Nov-97	01-Jan-99
CARLSWELL AFB	TX	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	80	13-JUN-96	06-FEB-99
CHARLESTON AFB	SC	MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING MAINTENANCE.	14	23-Sep-97	24-Feb-99
CHEYENNE MTN ASN	CO	CIVIL ENGINEERING AND COMMUNICATIONS.	540	08-May-98	02-Apr-99
EDWARDS AFB	CA	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	460	09-Dec-98	08-Nov-00
EDWARDS AFB	CA	TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT.	136	06-Nov-98	31-Aug-99
EGLIN AFB	FL	CIVIL ENGINEERING	200	03-Dec-96	21-Jul-98
EIELSON AFB	AK	HOUSING MANAGEMENT	16	17-Nov-97	20-Jan-99